

1869

a "petrified man" was a feature
in the news for many weeks
on a small town "CARDIFF" New
York, workers digging a well
uncovered the ten-foot figure of
a man.

The owner erected a tent & charged
50¢ to get in his tent he
erected.

The roads were crowded with buggies
Four physicians from the neighborhood examined
the great discovery & declared it to be a
petrified man. P. T. Barnum tried to buy
the Newell Farm. Locals for \$30,000
moved the statue to Syracuse
Prof. Albert Smith of Yale pronounced it a fraud
It was made of gypsum (gypsum would have
dissolved in a few days). Newell's relative George
Hull hired 2 sculptors to carve the giant from
a block of gypsum